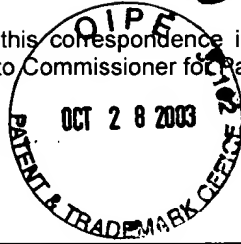


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Docket Number  
2100/19

In re Application of: Benjamin T. Gomez et al.

Application Number: 09/844,082

Filed: April 27, 2001

For: Linked Gaming Machines

Group Art Unit: 3713

Examiner: Scott E. Jones

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Final Office Action dated June 25, 2003 in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))    | \$ 110.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))   | \$ 410.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ 930.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  | \$ 1,450.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))  | \$ 1,970.00 |
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is **\$55.00**
- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$55.00** is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0930. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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